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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Helmut HERZ, *et al.*)
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Application No.: *Not yet assigned*)
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For: SAMPLE PROCESSING STATION)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attention: Application Branch
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits in this application, please amend the claims of the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 10 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.